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HARD-HITTING REDS STRIKE NEW BLOWS

Force ROKs To Withdraw

Tokyo, May 17.

Chinese and North Korean Communists hurled the first blows of the new Red offensive at South Korean and American troops in east Central Korea on Wednesday and by midnight had forced the ROK troops to fall back.

The Reds opened the second round of their spring offensive in rare daylight attacks aimed at cracking the ROK lines along the 38th Parallel in the eastern mountains. At the same time, the Chinese who had massed under the cover of week-long rains launched probing attacks across a 40-mile front astride Korea's battle worn central invasion corridor. The battle spread like a prairie fire from the east to west during the night.

At 1 a.m. on Thursday the Chinese opened probing attacks southwest of Chonggang above the junction of the Han and Pukhan rivers 20 miles north-east of Seoul. Lighter contact was reported between Chonggang and Chunchon, key city astride the main highway down Korea's central mountain spine. An Eighth Army communiqué reported "heavy pressure" and "strong attacks" by Communist forces as large as two regiments at a half dozen points along the 25-mile east central front between Chunchon and Inje.

ROK infantrymen made at least two "limited withdrawals" along the 38th parallel southwest of Inje, and the Reds drove "three slight penetrations" into the Allied lines in this sector, the communiqué said.

No attacks were reported immediately from the western front, but Allied commanders believed that it was a matter of hours until the Chinese massed north of Seoul rolled like a human sea into the barbed wire and guns of the United Nations defence line.

Two Chinese armies throwing wave after wave of howling Red infantrymen into the muzzles of American guns east of Chunchon and smashed

Norway To Bring Cargo To HK

Singapore, May 16. The Panamanian freighter Norway will unload at Hongkong her cargo of 750 tons of Malaysian rubber worth \$15,000,000 (£2,500,000) sold to the People's Republic of China, the ship's agents said here today.

The agents said that the rubber would then be transhipped to China. Chinese shippers claimed that the rubber was bought for Communist agents in Hongkong more than a month ago.

When the Norway reached Hongkong during the week-end after loading rubber in Singapore she was refused a port clearance to sail to China. But she was given clearance to return to Singapore.

She will call there before sailing on to Hongkong, the agents said.—Reuter.

HK Figures In Secret S'pore Talks

Singapore, May 16.

Recommendations of the three-Power secret military conference now being held here will be sent to the British, United States and French Governments for consideration, it was learned here tonight.

Military chiefs of the three Powers have been conferring on means of fighting Communism in South-East Asia since yesterday. The talks were due to finish today, but it was decided to continue them for another two days.

The conference decided today to issue a communiqué at the end of Friday's meeting.

The problems discussed are believed to include:

Military steps to be taken in the area if the United Nations blockade of China, Hongkong's strategic position, new armed forces—dispositions—if China intervened in Indo-China, the possibility of a small British and Australian air task force for Indo-China, and more aid for General De Lattre De Tassigny in France's war against Communist-led Vietnamese insurgents in the Tonkin delta.

Speaking to the French community in Singapore at a cocktail party tonight, General De Lattre stressed that French Union forces in Indo-China were fighting solely for full independence for the Vietnamese.

Young French soldiers were being killed and the war was costing France 300,000 million francs a year, but the French forces were not fighting to keep Vietnam for France, General De Lattre said.—Reuter.

Iran Oil Dispute

Compromise Plan Hint

Washington, May 16.

The Iranian Ambassador, Mr. Nasrollah Entezam, said today that he believed his country would at least "discuss" a compromise plan for settling the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute if one were offered by Britain.

He made no comment as to the possible acceptability of any compromise. Mr. Entezam spoke to reporters after a call at the State Department.

The question of a possible compromise plan arose because of reports of a note which the British government is said to be preparing to send to Iran. Mr. Entezam said he was unaware of what the British intended to suggest in their note, but if it were a "compromise plan" as reports had predicted he was certain his government would feel it should at least be discussed.—United Press.

Burma Rd May Be Reopened To Supply Red China With Vital War Materials

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Calcutta, May 16.

The Burma Road to China—by which Britain and the United States armed Chiang Kai-shek in World War II against the Japanese—may be reopened now to supply the Chinese Reds with war materials.

This scheme is believed to have been put up to the Burmese Government by Red China's Ambassador, suave General Yao Tchung-ming.

To strengthen his hand the Chinese are reported to be massing fresh troops near the border.

And harassed by this threat as well as the dangers of a new rebellion and bankruptcy the Burmese Government may not feel strong enough to turn the Ambassador down.

General Yao is reported to have told the Burmese they can maintain neutrality amid the increasing dangers by agreeing to his scheme.

Under it Chinese agents throughout the Far East would buy rubber and steel-hardening manganese and wolfram and despatch them to Burma.

The goods would go by river steamer to Mandalay and thence by truck over 800 miles of twisting mountain road to China.

Then China would order the Red rebels who virtually rule Upper Burma to cease their anti-government campaign.

I moved up the Road. A British-owned petrol lorry lay burnt out. But all was quiet. The border town of Maymyo was an armed camp. Road blocks were strongly guarded by Burmese troops. Beyond, saw Chinese troops and gangs of coolies repairing the last stage of the road to Kunning.

I was warned that any attempt to go further might mean imprisonment. There is a habes corpus behind Burma's "bamboo curtain" and the secret police said that the British Government would be unable to help me.

Burmese army men said that troop concentrations were training at Maymyo. British instructors were trying, with little success, to instill discipline into the raw units.

But there are also several well armed regular regiments on the border. No one doubts they are there in connection with the arrival of reinforcements for the Chinese 11th and 17th Route Army poised on the other side.

The shadow of these Red troops lies dark across Burma. It gives hope and strength to the revolting rebel opposition.

The shaky administration in Rangon can do nothing about it.

Beyond the main towns and a few poorly-held communication lines—and that means—three-quarters of Burma—gunners are in control and bullets are the law.

W GERMAN SUPPLIES

Washington, May 16. A special investigator testified today that strategic goods worth millions of dollars have been sent to Communist China from West German industrial plants since the start of the Korean war.

The witness was Kenneth R. Hansen, just back from three weeks of investigation in Western Germany for a Senate Export Controls Sub-Committee before which he testified.

Mr. Hansen said "an entire power plant" was among items shipped from West Germany to Manchuria, a staging and supply point for the Reds fighting in Korea.

Recorded legal trade between West Germany and China amounted to \$7,000,000 in the last three months of 1950, he said, compared with \$413,000 in all of 1949 and a little over \$4,000,000 in the first nine months of 1950.—Associated Press.

Iraqi Troops Sent To Syria

Baghdad, May 16.

The Iraqi Premier, Nuri Es Said Pasha, told Parliament today that "Iraqi Army Royal Bodyguard and anti-aircraft units arrived in Syria today to defend Syrian territory against any air attacks."

He said in his statement to Parliament: "The Iraqi Army Royal Bodyguard, anti-aircraft units and a number of Iraqi Royal Air Force squadrons are now taking military positions in Syria."

"The move was taken after full accord with the Syrian Government and is designed to meet any Israeli aggression against Syrian territory. Iraqi Army units will not return to Iraq until Syria does not require them."

(A Damascus report yesterday said it was understood that the Syrian Premier, Khaleem Azim, had told the Arab League Political Committee meeting there, that representatives of a number of Arab states had expressed readiness to give immediate military help as Syria may ask.

(The League Council was expected to decide today the kind of military help that member states would give Syria in its dispute with Israel over the frontier, where there have been outbreaks of fighting in recent weeks.)

Nuri Es Said Pasha assured Parliament that "Iraq will render the utmost military aid to Syria. More troops and Iraqi Royal Air Force planes will leave to defend Syrian territories."

Fighting flared up on the Syrian-Israeli border late in April. On May 6 the Syrians claimed that Israeli planes had bombed the village of Shamala. The Israelis denied that a bombing raid had been made.

A Cairo report earlier this week said that Syria had asked Egypt and Iraq for military help and that Iraq had decided to send 18 Spitfire fighters.—Reuter.

Lloyds Quote The Odds

Seattle, Washington, May 16.

Lloyds of London gave odds of nearly 20 to 1 on Wednesday that the United States would not become involved in a world war before June 25.

Dr Frank Wood, Seattle President of the Pacific Coast Dentists Association, said he took out an insurance policy with the firm that would pay off \$10,000 if war was declared by the United States before that date. The policy cost \$530.

June 25 is the opening date of the Association's convention.—United Press.

Truman Gags Bradley

Washington, May 16.

The White House said today that President Truman did not wish General Omar Bradley, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to testify about their confidential talks on the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur.

The President's Press Secretary, Mr. Joseph Short, told a news conference that the President was "against it," and added: "The President made the decision. The conversations which led up to it are his business."

At the opening of the 12th day of the hearings by the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees of testimony on the dismissal of General MacArthur, Republicans appeared to be in disagreement whether they would renew efforts to find out what was said in the conversations.

Questioning of General Bradley was delayed while Senators debated whether they should insist on his telling them about his private talks with the President.

Then the Committees voted 19 to 6 to excuse General Bradley until next Monday as a witness. He had commitments to attend the Armed Forces Day celebrations in California later this week.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Govt & Transport Services

SPEAKERS at yesterday's special meeting of the Star Ferry Company to consider Government's proposed new franchise made some challenging points and advanced some not easily refutable arguments. Government, we feel, will be hard pressed to justify some of the franchise features, more particularly on the question of equity. The Company's criticism centres around two vital issues: whether royalties should be payable on gross receipts (which Government proposes) or on net profits, and whether purchase of the Company's assets should be based on Cost, less depreciation (Government's proposition) or on market valuation. An additional aspect of the dispute over royalties is Government's proposal to apply royalty deductions from pier—advertising revenue. It is not easy to find acceptable precedents for Government's plan to impose royalties on gross receipts, and the travelling public will have little sympathy for the proposition if, as it has been broadly hinted, this entails an increase in fares. If the official argument is that Government is merely recovering money spent by the public to be used for the benefit of the public it will require something more than special pleading to be convincing. The community is only too well aware of the system of adding special income to the general revenue fund, where it can easily be absorbed to meet administrative costs. There is general agreement that royalties should be paid for public utility concessions, but it is false economy to apply these royalties in such a manner as to make necessary increases in fares. The question of equity is strongly pointed-up in

Government's compulsory purchase proposal which provides for disposal of the Company's assets at Cost, less depreciation. Significantly it is emphasised by the critics that in no case where industries have been nationalised in Britain has this procedure been adopted. The correct alternatives are for purchase at current market valuation or by valuation set by arbitrators, and there appears to be no obvious reason why Government should not willingly make a concession on this point. It is, in fact, a matter for cogitation as to what exactly are Government's ultimate intentions in the matter of the Colony's public transport services. Is the eventual aim to amalgamate ferry, bus and tram services? This is vaguely suggested by the officially inspired dispersal scheme which provides for co-ordinated bus and ferry schedules which will connect various parts of Kowloon with the Island. The dispersal scheme has much to commend itself because it enables workers who live long distances from their factories and workshops to commute quickly and cheaply. But if this is to be the first step toward the amalgamation of all transport services under a controlling body, the public would view the development with some misgivings. The public look for efficient and reasonably cheap travelling facilities, and both may well be denied them if anything like the telescoping of transport services under the control of a Transport Commission should be the eventual aim of the Authorities. On this, and the points raised by the shareholders of the Star Ferry Company, the public await official clarification.

Sir Stafford's Rare Disease

Zurich, May 16.

Lady Cripps, wife of the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, in a statement issued today said that in addition to the tubercular infection that Sir Stafford is suffering from "he has been known for some time to be suffering from a rare and dangerous disease."

Lady Cripps' statement added: "The X-ray treatment given at Lausanne helped considerably to arrest its development locally and to reduce pain."

It is hoped that the patient will respond to new general treatment which has now commenced, but owing to his state of exhaustion his condition is bound to cause great and continuing anxiety.—Reuter.

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Appeal For The Blind

TO BE LAUNCHED IN EMPIRE

London, May 16. The British Empire Society for the Blind is about to launch a £1,000,000 appeal on behalf of the million people in the Colonies estimated to be blind.

This great sightless population is three times that of the blind populations of Britain and the United States put together. The incidence of eye disease in the Colonies, a statement by the Society said today, cannot be accurately assessed but has been variously estimated at from 10 to 15 per cent of the general population.

Seventy-five per cent of this blindness and eye disease is preventable. Twelve thousand blind people have been recorded in Malaya but it is believed that the blind population may number 75,000.

The British Empire Society's plan of action is as soon as the necessary funds are obtained is a series of intensive campaigns in representative regions of the Empire to demonstrate the practical means of preventing eye disease.

The first campaign, lasting three years and costing £25,000, has already been planned in detail in West Africa.

There would be a continuous campaign throughout the Colonies by films, radio, leaflets and the Press to teach people how to preserve their own and their children's sight. This would cost a minimum of £5,000 per annum.

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Grants would be made to voluntary bodies to extend and improve research facilities, eye hospitals and clinics and to develop existing schools and training centres.

Regional offices staffed by experts would be established in each of the principal areas. They would stimulate and co-ordinate work for the blind by Government and unofficial agencies.

The Society concludes: "Most blind people in the Colonies live as family dependents or as beggars, wandering from town to town. Blind children are often exploited by beggars' guilds and there is evidence that a few African tribes still practice infanticide of blind children. "Blindness and eye disease are major causes of disability and low earning in the Colonies. Their prevention will materially increase the production and prosperity of the Colonial Empire." — Reuter.

American Demands Being Studied By The British Govt.

London, May 16. Britain has started a fresh review of its opposition to American demands that Turkey and Greece be brought into the Atlantic Pact, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The American request is under consideration but study of the proposals has not yet been completed.

Britain is consulting the other Atlantic powers in addition to the United States, and the spokesman emphasised that the final decision could be taken only by a unanimous vote of the North Atlantic Pact Deputies Council.

The Greek Ambassador called at the Foreign Office today to discuss the question of Greek membership in NATO.

American quarters admitted that they faced a difficulty in securing unanimous consent to extending the Pact into the Eastern Mediterranean.

British sources said the official American position had switched in recent weeks from opposition to admission of Greece and Turkey to wholehearted support.

According to reports here, the United States Air Force had sought Turkey's admission because of that country's proximity to Russia while the U.S. Army had, in the past at least, opposed such extension of its commitments.

Britain has opposed inclusion of Turkey and Greece, both of which want Pact membership, on the grounds that it has guaranteed Turkish security for 10 years by private treaty and has similar informal arrangements with Greece.

Opposition to move Diplomatic quarters said the Scandinavian and other Northern members of the Pact have opposed Greek and Turkish membership for two reasons:

1. They did not want to extend the Pact so far away from their own frontiers.

2. There is difficulty enough in finding arms to go around among the 12 nations which are already Pact members.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, told a questioner in Parliament last week that the Atlantic nations were studying a scheme which would draw Turkey and Greece into the defence planning of the Pact without making them actual members.

The United States, however, is pushing for full inclusion of the two nations.

Protecting flanks The American view is that the Atlantic Army of General Dwight Eisenhower would have

exposed flanks unless Turkey and Greece are included.

In addition, Turkey and Greece have large armies compared to the European members of the Pact and American quarters believe their inclusion in the Pact would help safeguard the shaky security of the Middle East.

These quarters do not believe the safety of Europe and the Mediterranean and Middle East can be divorced.—United Press.

BOMBING OF CHINA NOT PRACTICAL

American Pilots' Opinions

20th Air Force, Okinawa, May 16.

Men who fly American bombers against the Communists in Korea do not believe bombing of Asia's mainland is practical at present.

"We would lose too many bombers," said one senior officer.

United States aircraft losses at present are light, because Red aircraft operate only over the extreme north-west of Korea, and flak is heavy only at Sinanju and at Pyongyang.

But not far beyond the Yalu river, United States escorting jets would have to return to their bases, leaving the bombers to fight their way and through probably heavy flak.

"If an MIG wants to stay in there and get an engine, he can do it," said one pilot who has met them several times.

When an engine is knocked out, the plane drops back, and the fighters can swarm over him.

Bombers would shoot down their share of MIG's. The Superfortress gunnery system is still effective against jets, but the MIG presents about a square-metre of target area head on. The Russian jets cannot be as effective as the American jets' 50-calibre machinegun in air-to-air combat because of its slower rate of fire. It is more efficient, however, against bombers.

Bomber crews admit they wish sometimes they could bomb Manchuria. One pilot said: "It makes you mad when you can look across the river at Antung and see MIG's when they are taking off, and know that you cannot go and get them on the ground." He believes one possible reason for the restricted operations of the MIG's at present is that the Communists are training pilots in combat. There have been noticeable differences in the ability of Red pilots between raids in the "MIG Alley" area.—United Press.

Linda Christian Expecting

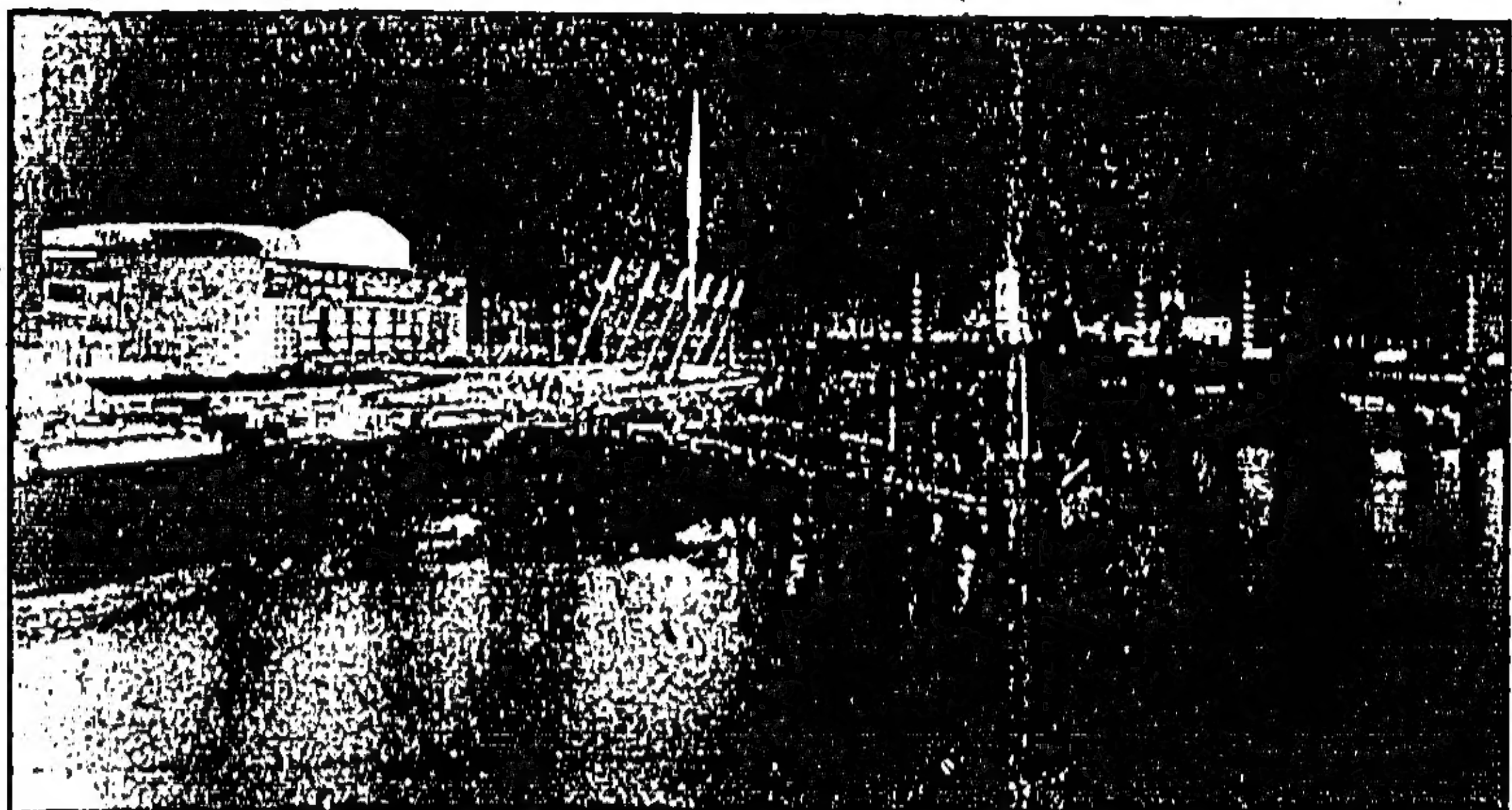
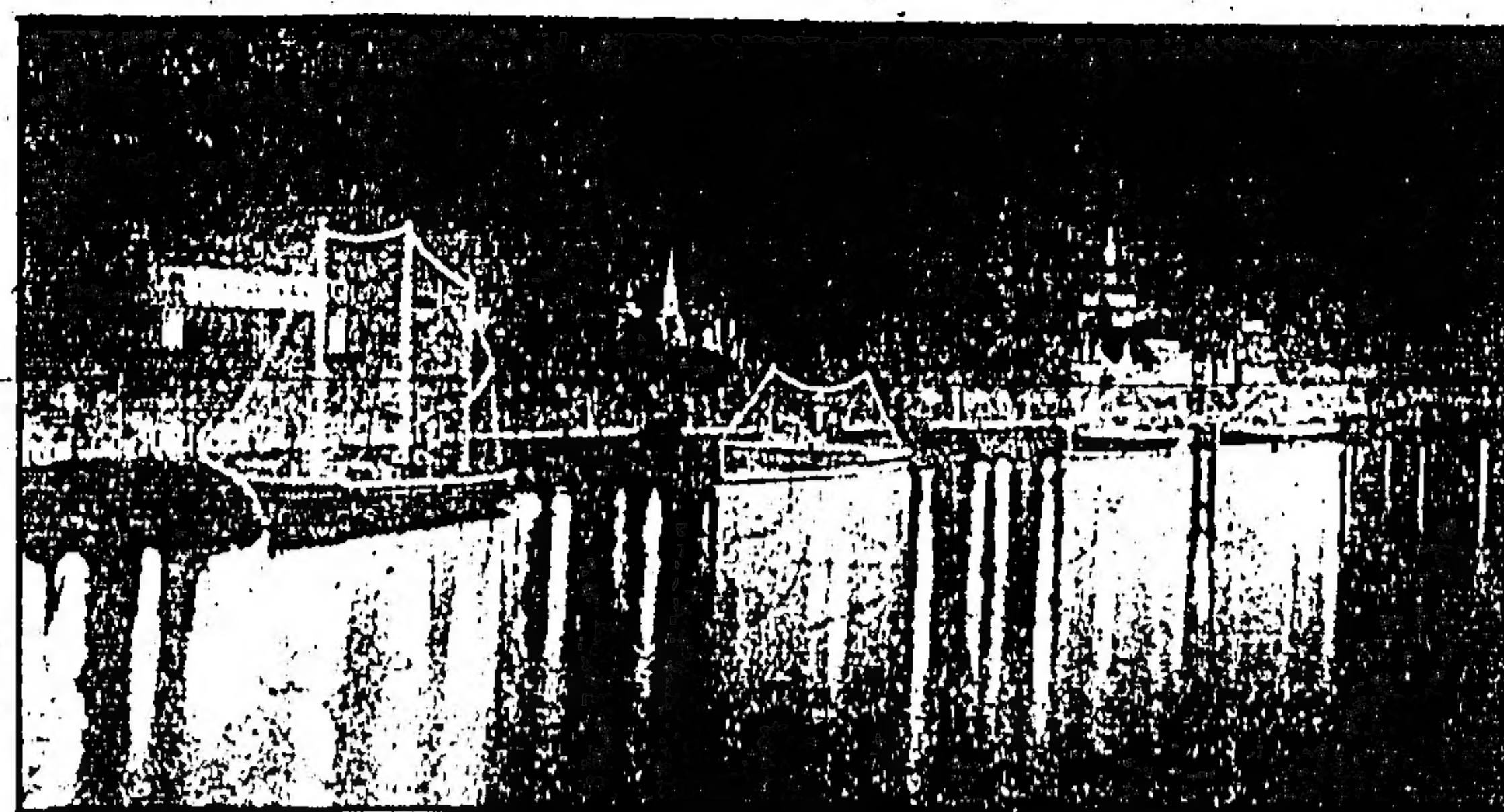
New York, May 16. The film star, Tyrone Power, announced today his wife, Linda Christian, is expecting a baby in October.

He met Linda, a former film actress, when the Holland-America liner, New Amsterdam, docked today at Hoboken, New Jersey, from Europe.—Reuter.

Gift Of Rice To UN

Rangoon, May 16. Burma has contributed 400 tons of rice to the United Nations fight in Korea. The rice is now being loaded on the American ship "End Victory" bound for Tokyo.—Reuter.

LONDON FLOODLIT FOR THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN



These two pictures give a vivid impression of the new beauty which has come to London with the extensive floodlighting as part of the Festival of Britain. Upper view is of the North Bank of the Thames looking towards St. Paul's. Below are the South Bank Festival grounds showing the river landing stage with the Festival Concert Hall in background.

New Resolution To Settle Syrian Border Dispute

Flushing Meadow, May 16.

The United Nations Security Council today considered a resolution calling on Israel to stop all drainage operations in the demilitarised zone of Huleh on the Syrian border.

It would also ask Israel to allow Arab civilians who were removed from this area to return to their homes.

The resolution, sponsored by France, Britain, Turkey and the United States, declared that under the Syrian-Israel armistice agreement, the Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission had the responsibility for the general supervision of the demilitarised zone.

The resolution noted that the United Nations Chief of Staff and the Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission had several times requested Israel to ensure that the Palestine Land Development Company Ltd., was instructed to cease all operations in the demilitarised zone until the Chairman or the Commission arranged an agreement.

The resolution said that the Security Council endorses the requests of the Chief of Staff and the Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission.

World Ship Committee Forecast

Washington, May 16.

The Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Richard Stokes, said today that he would discuss with American officials the possibility of forming an international shipping committee to control the allocation of the free world's scarce strategic raw materials.

Mr. Stokes, who is making a four-day visit here, will head the new British Government department dealing with raw material supply.

He was asked at a Press conference to comment on the shipping committee proposal advanced by those who believe that the allocation of scarce materials between the free nations can be made effective only by the international control of shipping.

Mr. Stokes thought such a shipping committee could be combined with an international raw materials board to meet the allocation problem, as was done in World War II, but he emphasised that all these proposals were in the tentative stage.—Reuter.

Ex-President Goes Into Exile

Santiago de Chile, May 16. President Salvador Allende, who was galled by Bolivia, who was forced to give up power early today by a military junta, has arrived at the Chilean port of Arica, according to reports circulating here.—Reuter.

Gone Are The Days...

Harrisburg, May 16. A bill in the House of Representatives calls for the repeal of the existing law providing for payment of bounties for Indian scalps by the Commonwealth or any political sub-division of Pennsylvania.—United Press.

Emergency Plan For Newspaper Shortage

Washington, May 16.

American publishers may be asked to give up around 10 per cent of their newspaper to supply a dozen friendly countries fighting Communist propaganda. Such a plan is reported nearly ready for approval by a 12-nation Raw Materials Committee, as an emergency move to provide scarce newspaper needed to keep the presses rolling overseas.

Foreign countries that would benefit under the arrangement are reported to include Yugoslavia, Greece, Indo-China, the Philippines, Burma, Hawaii, Ceylon, Pakistan, and possibly India.—Associated Press.

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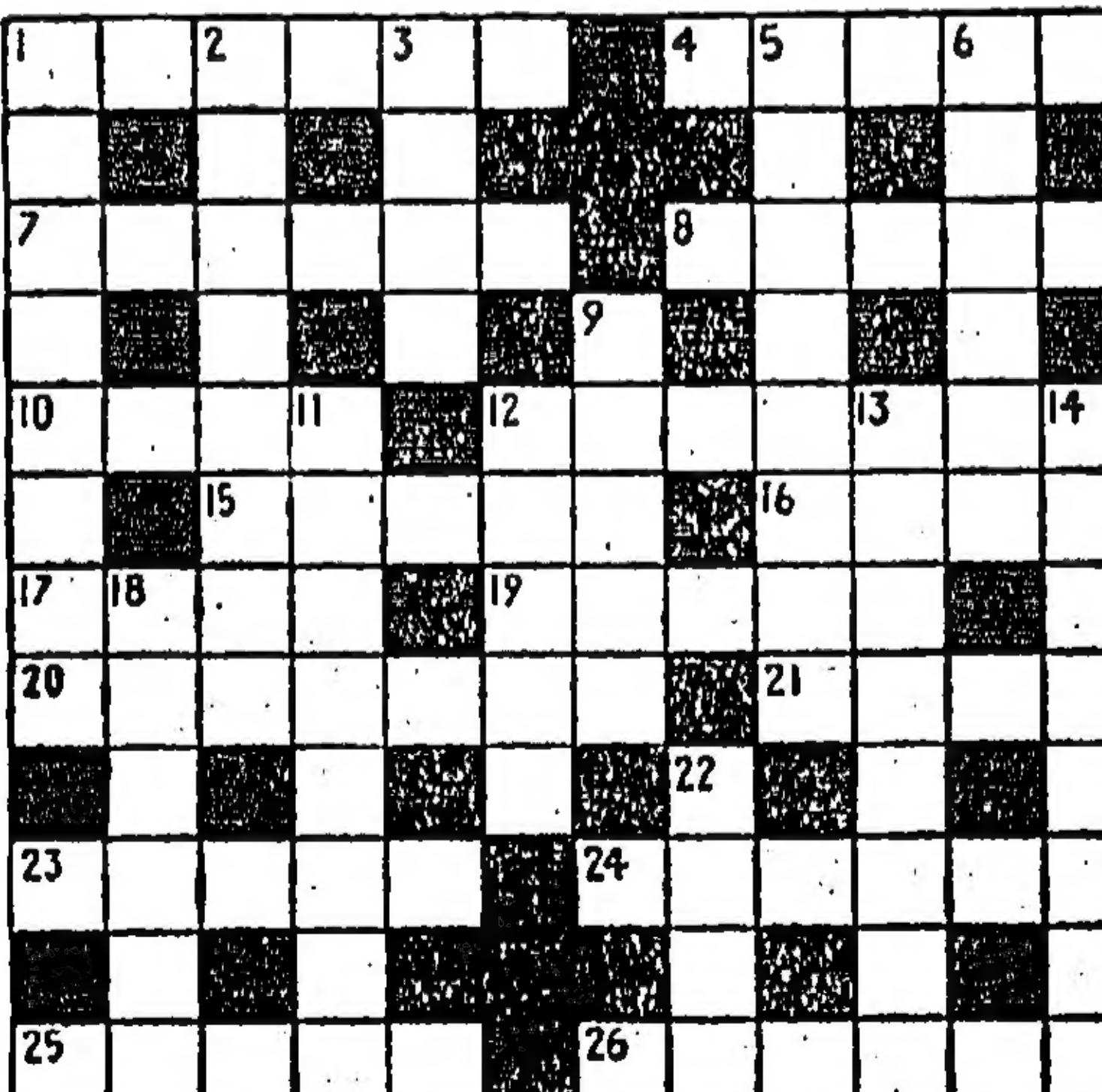
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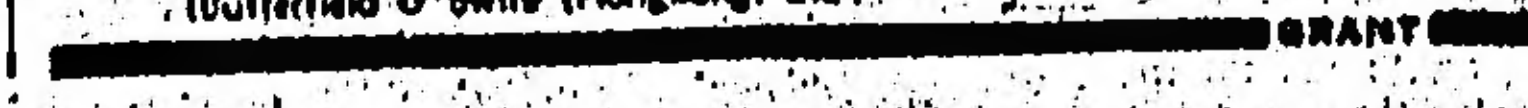
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Down (6)
 - 4 Wrong (5)
 - 7 Appeared indistinctly (6)
 - 8 Bedeck (5)
 - 10 Bank (4)
 - 12 Animal (7)
 - 15 Outspoken (6)
 - 16 Fastened (4)
 - 17 Narrative (4)
 - 19 Foreign (5)
 - 20 Carry out (7)
 - 21 Plate (4)
 - 23 Subject (5)
 - 24 Bag (6)
 - 25 Employing (6)
 - 26 Put right (6)
- DOWN
- 1 Unmarried (8)
 - 2 Likely (8)
 - 3 Vegetable (4)
 - 5 Intervened (8)
 - 6 Conflict (6)
 - 9 Right of possession (5)
 - 11 Choice by vote (8)
 - 12 Insects (5)
 - 13 Ended (8)
 - 14 Trained (8)
 - 16 Truths (6)
 - 22 Wane (5)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Electric, 8 Recipe, 9 Intimate, 11 Admitted, 12 Bent, 13 Brood, 16 Ered, 19 Rued, 20 Delivered, 24 Prepared, 25 Severed, 26 Caricature. Down: 1 Break, 2 Scuds, 3 Epicure, 4 Lent, 5 Child, 6 Reader, 7 Chests, 10 Tenor, 14 Order, 15 Derides, 18 Traps, 17 Vener, 20 Victory, 21 Ashes, 22 Dail, 23 Less.



HONGKONG COMFORTABLY IN THE LEAD IN INTERPORT TENNIS MATCH

By "ARGONAUT"

Hongkong gained a comfortable 2-0 lead at the end of the first day's tennis interport match with Saigon yesterday.

On the eve of his departure to England for a second try at Wimbledon, Ip Koon-hung, the Colony champion gave an impressive exhibition of all-round aggressive strokes to account for Saigon's Van Sau in two straight sets, 6-3 and 6-1.

K. C. Dao, the Colony runner-up and former Shanghai Champion, with his greater accuracy in strokes and better retrieving powers had the better of Saigon's No. 1 player, Van Nua in a ding-dong baseline duel, winning by 6-2 and 6-3.

BASEBALL

Cubs Hammer

Brooklyn

Pitchers

New York, May 16.

Chicago hammered four Brooklyn pitchers today, defeating the National League leading Dodgers 14-4. It was the Cubs' biggest scoring of the season.

Former Dodger, Dee Fondy, Cubs first baseman, and beginner third baseman Ransom Jackson rapped two homers apiece.

Fondy also cracked a two-bagger, driving in four runs. Jackson's homer accounted for five runs.

The Cincinnati Reds climbed to within 2½ games of first place in the tight National League race when a slugging eighth inning produced a 4-3 victory over the Boston Braves.

Until the Reds cut loose in the eighth, Boston pitcher Johnny Sain had held them to four hits and one run.

New York plays at Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia at Saint Louis in night games.

RASCHI'S SIXTH

In the American League, big Vic Raschi ran up his sixth victory of the year against the Yankees today as the New York Yankees drove Bob Lemon from the box and pounded out their second straight victory over Cleveland 11-3.

Raschi struck out 10 Indians in the eight innings he pitched. Young Tom Morgan finished the game for the Yanks to give Raschi a rest.

The Chicago White Sox bunched eight of their nine hits in the first two innings and won from the Boston Red Sox 9-5.

Second baseman Nelson Fox and centrefielder Jim Busby tripled.

Saint Louis plays at Philadelphia, and Detroit at Washington tonight.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	14	13	1
Brooklyn	4	10	0

Winning pitcher Paul Minner, loser Carl Erskine.

	R	H	E
Cincinnati	4	8	1
Boston	3	5	1

Winning pitcher Frank Smith, loser Johnny Sain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
New York	11	8	1
Cleveland	3	7	3

Winning pitcher Vic Raschi, loser Bob Lemon.

	R	H	E
Chicago	9	9	0
Boston	5	11	0

Winning pitcher Joe Dobson, loser Chuck Stobbs. — Associated Press.

Hendon Team Leaves For Philippines

"We have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves during our brief visit here, and wish we could stay longer," said Mr. Stanley Greene, Hendon's secretary as the team left for Manila yesterday in a chartered P.A.L. plane.

The team is scheduled to play four games in Manila, before returning to Hongkong next Wednesday to begin their homecoming flight for England.

Accompanying the Hendon team to Manila is a Hongkong team of 21 led by Mr. J. C. Guimain. The Hongkong team will play an exhibition game against Hendon and the annual inter-

On the whole yesterday's games were very tame affairs. Except for a short period towards the end of the second set between Nua and Dao, the Hongkong players had matters much their own way.

Accustomed to playing on cement courts, the visitors appeared to be affected in their play by the wet grass court. Both Nua and Van Sau, with their Western grip of the racket, showed powerful forehand drives, that were frequent pointers, but were very weak on the backhand.

Van Sau was the more aggressive player of the two, going to the net whenever possible, and displayed a much better volley and overhead than Nua, whose strokes at the net were comparatively much weaker.

SOMETHING NEW

K. C. Dao played his usual solid game from the baseline, but something new was added to his play yesterday, when he followed up his long drives to the backhand with run-ups to the net.

A pleasing feature of Ip's play yesterday was not so much the ease with which he won his sets, but the remarkable improvement shown in his strokes.

Most promising was the greater sting and accuracy of his first services, approximately 80 percent of which went into the right court and produced no less than six aces.

Except for one overhit, his overhead smashes were 100 percent accurate yesterday. A slight bend of the knees for his forehand and backhand drives seemed to give him a better control of his shots, but the most conspicuous feature was the confidence shown by the champion in his strokes, which never relaxed in his power and force and which time and again found their mark a few inches from the baseline.

THE PLAY

The opening match between the Saigon champion Nua and Hongkong's K. C. Dao saw the Saigon player run to a 2-0 lead in the first two games, but Dao gradually became alive to his opponent's strong forehand smacking drives and, keeping the ball low to the backhand, occasionally following them up with drops and follow up overhead smashes, took the next six games in a row for the first set, which lasted 20 minutes.

Nua resorted to more aggressive play in the second set, starting the come-up to the net, and met with initial success, taking the lead at 1-0, and 2-1.

Dao came back to wrest the lead at 3-2 and 4-2. Nua annexed the seventh and made a good attempt to draw level in the eighth game on Dao's service, succeeding only after deuce was called.

Dao then broke through Nua's poor services to win the last game at 6-15 for set and match. The match between Ip and Van Sau produced a better brand of tennis, with both players concentrating on attack. Ip's faster and more accurate

services and his fading his opponent's services on the rise, however, gave him a clear advantage at the beginning of every point.

Initial overhitting by Ip gave Van Sau a lead of 1-0 on his opening service. Ip took the next two games to lead 2-1 and for a moment in the fourth game, with Ip serving, the play by the wet grass court. Both Nua and Van Sau, with their Western grip of the racket, showed powerful forehand drives, that were frequent pointers, but were very weak on the backhand.

Ip won the next two games to lead 4-2. Van Sau gamely stuck to his service in the seventh and narrowed the gap to 3-4. Ip came back with three successive aces to win the 8th game for love and broke through Van Sau's service for the first set in 15 minutes.

The second set saw Ip jump to a 3-0 lead before Van Sau got his only game of the set. With powerful first services and kicking second services, that found Van Sau in difficulties, or with sizing him up with killing volleys and overhead smashes, Ip dominated the remainder of the game to win by 6-1 in the identical time of 15 minutes.

TODAY'S GAMES

5 p.m.
Exhibition: Norman Lo v Nua (one set).

Interport Doubles: Ip Koon-hung & Edwin Tsai (Hongkong) v Van Sau & Duong (Saigon).

Exhibition: Norman Lo v Duong.

TOMORROW

Singles: K. C. Dao (Hongkong) v Van Sau (Saigon).

Singles: Ip Koon-hung (Hongkong) v Nua (Saigon).

All matches are best of three sets. Admission will be \$5 and \$2.

INTERPORT BADMINTON

The Hongkong Badminton Association has invited a team from the Manila Chinese Badminton Club to play a series of matches in Hongkong.

The Association in reply to a telegram received sent a formal invitation to the Manila Club to play on May 30 (Wednesday) and June 1 (Friday) on such subsequent dates as June 6 and 8 as the Manila Club might deem necessary for their arrangements.

The matches to be played on two nights against the Hongkong Combined would be held on May 30 (Wednesday) and June 1 (Friday) on such subsequent dates as June 6 and 8 as the Manila Club might deem necessary for their arrangements.

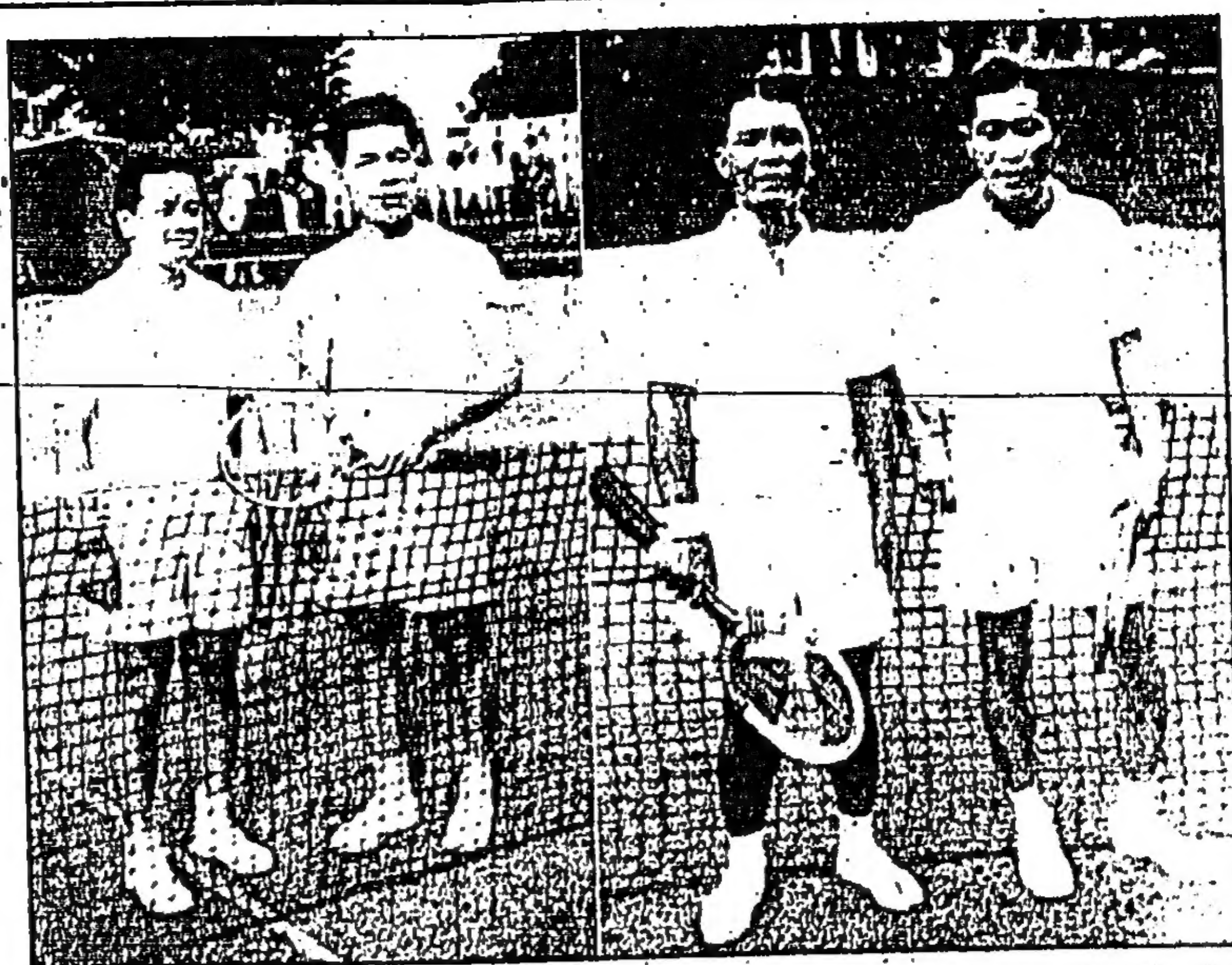
The matches will most likely take place at St. Teresa's Church Hall with admission fixed at \$2.40 per ticket.

Reception and entertainment of the visiting team after their arrival were also discussed at the meeting and it was decided that besides other entertainments, an official dinner would be held in their honour.

A Sub-committee of the Association to make the necessary arrangement for the forthcoming visit of the Manila team was specially formed at the meeting yesterday. The officers elected to the Sub-committee were Messrs D. H. Hazell (President), D. Kwok (Hon. Secretary), M. A. Oliveira (Hon. Treasurer), Leo Leong, J. A. Soares, P. H. Wong, Omar el Arculi, Zander Tsok, F. W. Kwong and R. Tay (co-opted).

Keith Miller Shows Promise At Golf

Sydney. Test cricketer Keith Miller could become a first class golfer with more practice, golf experts consider. At Manly Golf Course, Sydney, he reeled off the first three holes in three under four with a run of 34.8.8, and finished with 78, which included seven aces at three easy holes.



Nguyen Van Nua (Saigon) and Ip Koon-hung, in left picture, Nguyen Van Sau (Saigon) and K. C. Dao, who contested the first two matches at Chater Road yesterday in the Interport tennis match for the Saigon Mayor's Cup.—China Mail Photos.

FESTIVAL SOCCER

Scots Don't Impress With 1-0 Victory Against France

Glasgow, May 16.

An unimpressive Scottish team were fortunate to beat France 1-0 in a Festival of Britain football match here tonight before a crowd of 80,000.

A grand French defence lapsed badly after 30 minutes' play in the second half and allowed the left-half, Redpath, to run the length of the field unchallenged, making scoring easy for the centre-forward, Reilly.

Apart from that a ragged Scottish forward line had little scope. The half-backs did not give them proper support and only Coe, at left-back, was of international calibre.

The French left-back, Marche, was outstanding and his partner, Hughes, and the half-backs, were better than the Scots'. Forward, too, the Frenchmen had flashes of combined work that the Scottish line could not equal. Korga and Hann, on the left, were the best wing pair on the field.—Reuter.

WELSH AVENGE DEFEAT

Wrexham, May 16. Wales avenged a two-year-old defeat in Bernie when on the race-course here tonight they beat Switzerland in a Festival of Britain soccer international by three goals to two after leading by a single goal at half-time.

Eich, in the Swiss goal, was the star of the game or Wales, despite chances missed, might have been several goals ahead at half-time.

In addition, Lusenti at centre-half was successful in a number of tussles with Ford, the outstanding Welsh forward. Burgess gave Wales their first half lead and the second half opened with a series of Welsh attacks so that the home custodian was rarely troubled. Ford put Wales two up and then showed a superior turn of speed to add the third.

Switzerland rallied splendidly and Ballaman and Andersen scored for them, the latter after two shots had been driven against the body of the Welsh goal-keeper.—Reuter.

OTHER MATCHES

London, May 16. The following are the results of Festival of Britain football matches played today:

Barnsley 4, Rapid (Austria) 2.
Bournemouth 0, Hamburg (Germany) 1.
Carlisle United 4, Waterford (Ireland) 0.
Charlton Athletic 1, S.C. Wacker (Austria) 3.
Chesterfield 3, Saarbrücken (France) 1.
Crystal Palace 1, Nancy (France) 2.
Gillingham 0, R.S.C. Vervietois (Belgium) 0.
Hartlepool United 4, Limerick (Ireland) 1.
Porth Vale 4, Progress (Luxembourg) 1.
Reading 4, National Luxembourg 0.
Scunthorpe United 2, Sligo Rovers (Ireland) 0.
Sheffield Wednesday 0, Frem (Denmark) 0.
Sunderland 1, Red Star (Yugoslavia) 0.
Walthamstow Avenue 1, R.V. and A.V. Sparta (Rotterdam) 0.
Dundee 4, Distillery (Ireland) 1.
Rochdale 5, Bohemian (Ireland) 0.
Walsall and Hershman 0, Innsbruck (Austria) 2.
Accrington Stanley 1, Cork Athletic (Ireland) 1.
York City 5, Transport (Ireland) 0.
Plymouth Argyle 2, Ayr United 1.
Llanelli 3, Venlo V.V. (Holland) 0.

Kenyon And Cooper In Three-figure Stand Against Middlesex

London, May 16.

A gamble by Denis Compton on the state of the Lord's pitch proved expensive for Middlesex today.

Leading the county against Worcestershire, Compton won the toss and in the belief that overnight rain would help his bowlers he put in the visitors to bat.

But the pitch played more easily than was expected and Worcestershire piled up 282 runs.

The opening pair, Don Kenyon (72 runs) and Eddie Cooper (55 runs) put together their fourth three-figure stand of the season and later Laddie Outshoorn, who is in great form with the bat, hit 66 runs.

The best batting performance of the day was by Charles Palmer who made 144 runs—the only century in County cricket—against Somerset. He and J. Firth (not out 71) figured in a seventh wicket stand of 157 runs.

Palmer reached his first century of the tour in four hours 20 minutes and though handicapped by a strained side he batted altogether for five hours and hit 10 fours.

In the return match between the joint County Championships, Lancashire hit 285 runs against a Surrey attack which was consistent without being hostile. After being 255 runs for four wickets, Lancashire lost their last six wickets for 30 runs against the attack of Jim Laker and George Lock.—Reuter.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

London, May 16. The following were today's close of play scores in first-class county cricket matches:

At Lords: Worcester 282 (Kenyon 71, Cooper 51, Outshoorn 66), Middlesex 23 for no wicket.

At Bournemouth: Hampshire 204 (Shuckleton 57 not out, Butler, right-arm fast medium bowler, seven for 62), Nottinghamshire 87 for four.

At Oxford: The Army 100 for six (Lieutenant J. Lister 70), Oxford University to bat.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 138, Yorkshire 63 for one.

At Manchester: Lancashire 210 (Parkhouse 52, Peter Smith, right-arm slow legbreak bowler, five for 42), Essex nine for one wicket.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 353 for seven (Tompkins 54, Palmer 144, Firth 71 not out), Somerset to bat.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 274 (Barclay 53 not out), Kent 18 for one wicket.



Track And Field Championships On Saturday

Registration forms in connection with the forthcoming Colony Athletic Championships to be held at Caroline Hill on Saturday, May 19, have been sent to competitors.

Those who have not received these forms are requested to contact the Joint Hon. Secretaries, Mr. E. J. Tingay (Tel. 57877) and Mr. Yue Kai-yan (Tel. 25095).

The numbers allotted to competitors will be issued on the ground at Caroline Hill on Saturday (on Sunday for those concerned only in Sunday's events) between 12.45 and 1.45 p.m.

Officials should report on the ground not later than 1.30 p.m. to receive their official badges, judge forms and attend to all necessary details to ensure that the Meet is started on time at 2 p.m.

ON THE RECORD Victorians & Recreio Won't Stay Out Of The Limelight

With Gremlins and School all set to make a big show of it at the Colony Athletic Championships at Caroline Hill this weekend, Victorians and Recreio will not stay out either.

Victorians, who share their one entry with the Army, may come out of the meeting the unofficial Champions of the feminine side of our most important Games in years.

They will be represented by Susan Whitworth, their star right-winger, who will tackle every available event except the 200 metres and the relay.

This formidable competitor is not to be overlooked, particularly in the high jump. Recreio Ladies will also be represented by their star right-winger, Stella Correa, who may yet prove Hongkong's fastest feminine human.

These two entries will make the women's 100 metres about the most interesting event on the programme.

Stella Correa runs against Maureen Hodgkinson of the Georgians (who is also a Gremlin) and four Chinese girls in the first heat of the 100 metres.

The second heat will be a duel between Gremlins' Valerie Slade and Lam Kak-ian, the fastest known Chinese girl in the event, with Shirley Winterton and Susan Hyslop of School and two other Chinese girls. This will be the toughest of the four heats.

Gremlins' Noelle Simmons is drawn against four Chinese girls in the third heat.

The fourth heat was Julia Tingay and Hilary Hale defend the School's reputation against Susan Whitworth of Army and Victorians and two Chinese girls.

We don't know how fast some of the Chinese girls are and it may prove to be a job even getting into the semifinals.

In the 200 metres, Tingay and Hyslop are in the first heat, Hodgkinson and Slade in the second and Hale and Correa in the third.

One of the most interesting entries is that of H. Andson of Army, now acknowledged holder of the Colony record for the 800 metres in 2 minutes 21 seconds, in the metric "Quarter".

The tourists recorded their highest partnership of the tour when Jackie McGlew and John Waite, tried as a new opening pair, scored 169 runs in just over three hours.

They were both out at the same total of 109 runs. The previous best for any wicket on the tour was 116 runs.

McGlew, first out, was a victim of John Mortimore, 18-year-old off-spinner who had appeared in only two other first class matches.

The first bowler Lambert, using the new ball, had Waite caught at the wicket and in the same over dismissed Bill Ender in a similar manner for the addition of one run.

McGlew, with nimble footwork, hit eight fours and a five in his 80 runs, while Waite reached the boundary five times in making 62 runs.

Then came Jack Cheetham and his captain, Dudley Nourse, in a sparkling fourth wicket partnership which added 95 runs in 85 minutes.

Cheetham, who had failed to make runs in his previous first class innings, played the major role in the stand and went on to make a chanceless 62, top score of the innings. His stylish and forceful stroke play brought him a six and 11 boundaries during his stay of two and a quarter hours.

But though he gave no chance he, like all his colleagues, experienced difficulty in facing George Lambert, 32-year-old Gloucestershire pace bowler, who kept a good length and direction and well deserved his five wickets for 78 runs.—Reuter.

His ability to come down to nearly two minutes flat in the 800 should put him in the 54-second class in the shorter race. He is going to have a race in his very first heat in this event against Lo Wing-chuen, the Inter-School Champion, and I. C. Lambie of Army. Winners in the other three heats are likely to be Tony Braga of St. Joseph's, Ng Yuen-fok of South China and D. E. Westerhout of Army.

The 200 metres see RAF's A. A. Alapini against Westerhout and Lambie in Heat 1 and RAF's Bobby Roach against South China's Wong Man-wan in Heat 2. There is no known opposition to South China's Jackson Lee and Ng Yuen-fok in the other two heats.

The draw has been particularly unkind to Lambie who is again up against formidable opposition in Jackson Lee and Tony Braga in Heat 3 of the 100 Metres. Heat 1 is open and the other likely heat winners are Bobby Roach, Wong Man-wan, Alapini and Stephen Xavier.

There are all the standard events in the programme other than for the hammer throw, the steeplechase and walks and the women's throwing events, but the sprints and 400 metres should carry interest in the meet on their own.

— "RECORDER"

Gremlins' Meeting

Election of new officers, the summer's programme and the fixing of the time when inter-team practising would begin next season were matters dealt with at a general meeting of the Gremlins Ladies' Hockey Club held at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday.

Displayed in a prominent position was the Ezra-Abraham Cup presented to the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association's Senior League.

Mrs Maude Read presided and her suggestion for swimming and boating "get together" this summer won hearty approval. Her hope of blackboard hockey lectures and an additional coach next season also received enthusiastic support.

The meeting decided that the practising season would begin in the first week of September, with two games a week.

A programme extending up to next month has been drawn up for matches between Gremlins and men's teams.

The Gremlins today will play the RAF at Kai Tak in a friendly game, after which the visitors will be the guests of the airman at a social evening.

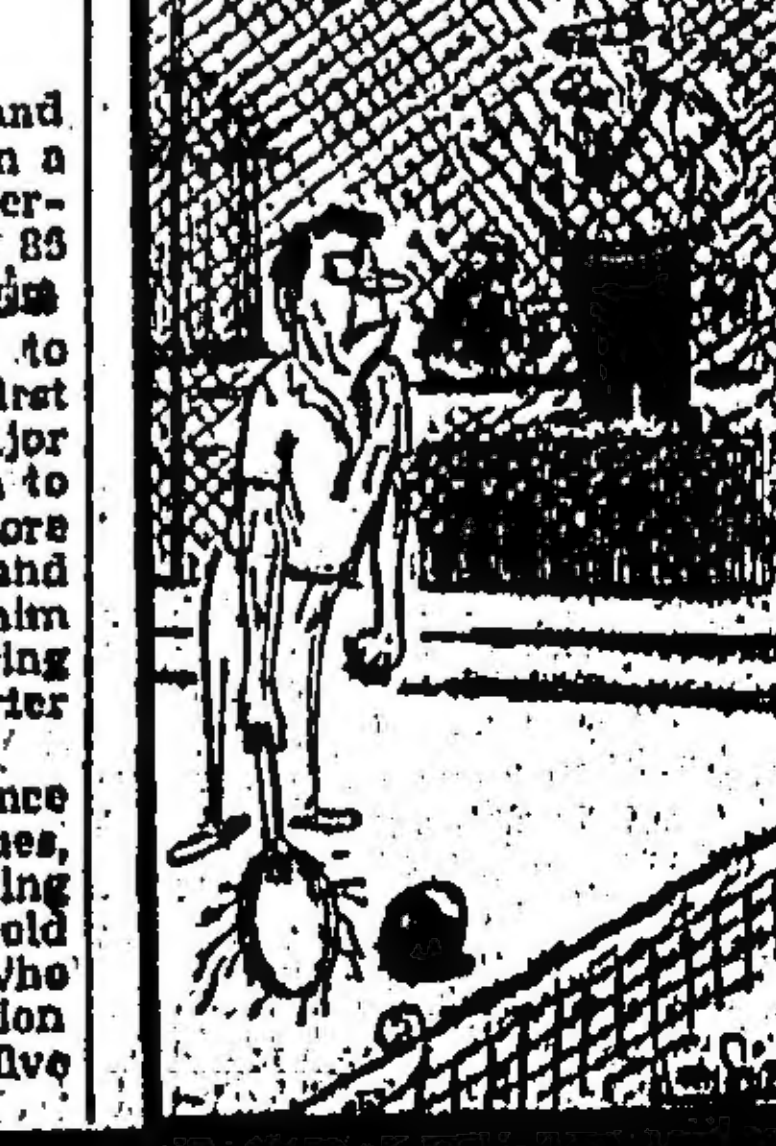
A feature of to-day's match will be that the ladies' goal-keeper will be playing on the men's side, and the men's goal-keeper on the ladies' side.

Transport to Kaitak will be available at the Star Ferry wharf, Kowloon, at 5.30 p.m. The following office bearers were elected:

Mrs Daisy Goodwin (President), Mrs Hilda Fowler (Chairman), Miss Maureen Hodgkinson (Secretary), Mrs Read (Treasurer).

The following have been chosen for today's game against the RAF:

Mrs Muir, Miss Warring, Miss R. Read, Miss S. Abraham, Miss N. Fowler, Mrs B. Rouse, Miss A. Maran, Miss Simmons, Mrs P. Barton, Mrs Greenawald, Miss D. Bonner, Miss M. Hodgkinson and Mrs Fraser.



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United Nations Army Awaits Red Offensive Today

Tokyo, May 16.

Communists, stepping up offensive action today, are expected to launch a new phase of their Spring offensive with the full moon tomorrow night.

Probing for weak spots in the Allied lines, they made a strong dawn attack on advanced South Korean positions north-east of Inje—just north of the 38th Parallel on the east coast sector.

Two battalions of Communists struck the South Koreans north of the village of Yongdaeri, forcing them to withdraw. Yongdaeri is less than 12 miles north-east of Inje, and astride the lateral high road to the east coast.

Machine-gun and rifle fire met South Korean movements all along the Inje sector of the line throughout the morning. Extreme forward elements had to give ground after meeting six sharp attacks during the night. On the west central front there was also increasing pre-offensive activity today.

Aggressive action today was not confined to the Communists. Long-range Allied patrols fanned out in a wide arc north and east of Seoul, seeking Chinese strongpoints. Communist self-propelled guns, brought up to support a renewed offensive, shelled patrols at several points north of the key Han River-Pukhan River junction.

American armoured and infantry patrols found evidence that Communist troops were filtering south in growing strength under cover of low rain clouds which have obscured hillsides for the past 48 hours.—Reuter.

GENERAL'S FORECAST

Somewhere in Korea, May 16.
Another major attempt to smash the United Nations army in Korea will be launched within days or possibly hours, General Backshear Bryan, Commander of the American 24th Division, forecast tonight. The full moon is tomorrow.

WOOL SALES AT SYDNEY

Sydney, May 16.
Good length wools were in keen demand at the Sydney wool sales today.
There was good general competition and prices remained firm on yesterday's level.—Associated Press.

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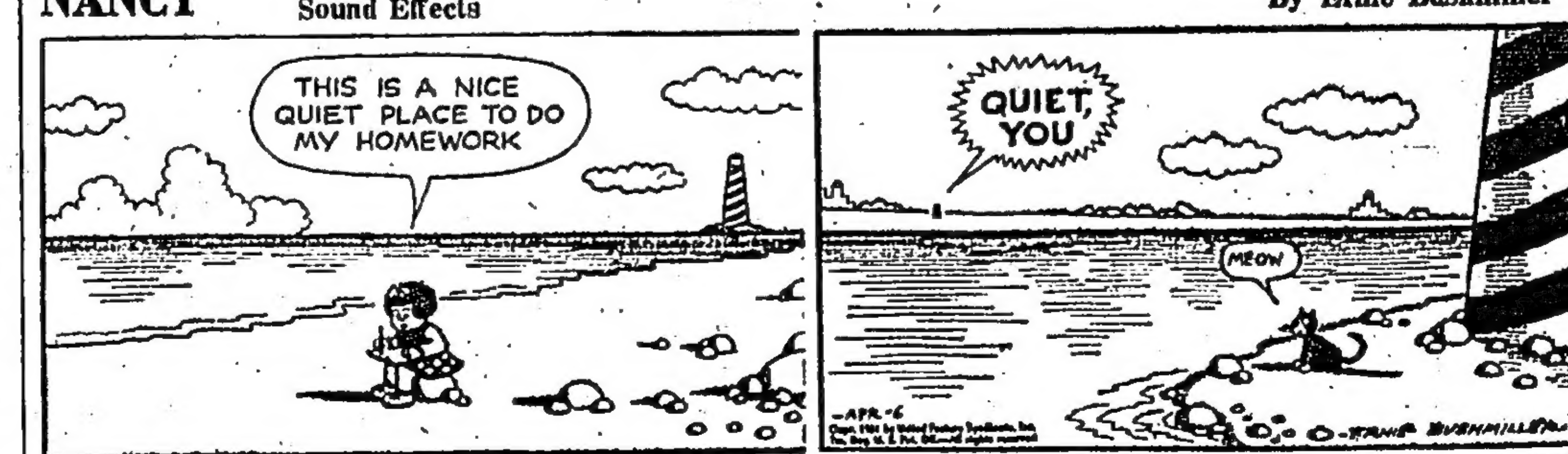
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Helicopter As Anti-Sub Weapon

Washington, May 16.

The helicopter is being perfected as an anti-submarine weapon and may bring about major changes in the conveying of men and supplies in wartime, Naval sources said.

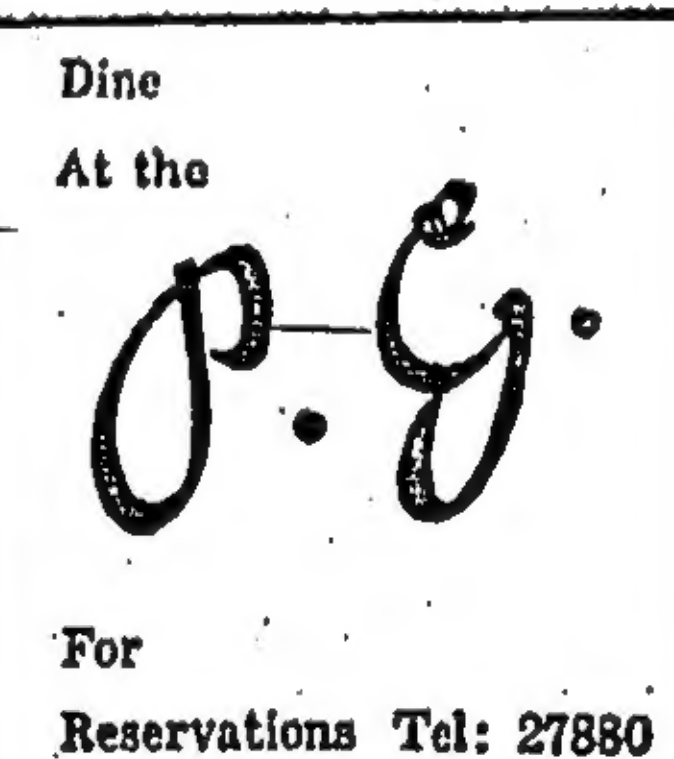
Apparently the first armed helicopters will be the anti-submarine warfare (ASW) type. With their peculiar ability to stand still in the air or fly more than 100 miles an hour, the copiers have marked advantages as bearers of detection equipment and anti-sub weapons.

After more than a year of experimentation at Key West, Fla., and elsewhere, the Navy was convinced sufficiently to place an order with Bell Aircraft Corp., Niagara Falls, N.Y., for a machine specifically designed for ASW work. The first order, as is customary in aircraft procurement, calls for three helicopters, which may be delivered fairly soon.

Picture of the Bell development, designated the "XHSL-1" indicate there is ample room for sub-detection equipment, and possibly for sub-killing depth charges.

In the future, mariners believe, fast merchant ships will carry their own protective screen against under attack in the form of a helicopter. In the same manner, major combat ships can carry helicopters for protection against Schnorkel subs and detection of enemy minefields.

Vice-Admiral Charles T. Joy, Navy Commander in the Far East, is known to believe that special helicopter-carrying ships should be used for anti-mine work, relieving combat ships for other purposes. He found helicopters invaluable last autumn when a minefield had to be cleared before Marines and Army troops could be landed at Wonsan, Korea.—United Press.



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The trials of the P. & O. cargo liner "Singapore", built by John Brown & Son at Clydebank, took place on April 10-12.

She is the fifth of the "S" class of cargo liners, the other four having been successfully employed in service between Britain and the Far East. These are the motor vessels "Somali" and "Soudan" and the turbine steamers "Surat" and "Shillong".

There has been only one other "Singapore" in the Company's 114 years of existence and that predecessor was built in 1850, just over 100 years ago.

Also Clyde-built, by Tod & McGregor, the first "Singapore" had a tonnage of 1,190 and was an iron paddle steamer with direct-acting engines of 1,162 horse-power. She spent almost the whole of her useful life in Far Eastern waters running between Bombay, Galle and Hongkong, then between Hongkong and Shanghai, and finally, in March, 1867 between Shanghai and Yokohama. On August 20 of that year she struck an uncharted rock off Hakodate and sank, everyone on board being saved.

The new "Singapore" has a gross tonnage of about 9,000 carrying 10,750 tons of deadweight on a draught of 20ft. 6ins. Her length is 325 ft. and the breadth 70ft. She is of the shelter deck type with two complete lower decks and subdivided into five holds, having 98,000 cubic feet of refrigerated space. There are special tanks for the carriage of latex and oils.

The installation of the "Dri-hold" system of ventilation provides control of air humidity in the cargo spaces, so avoiding damage to cargo through sweating and condensation, a danger inherent when climatic conditions vary as greatly as they do in the Far East trade.

ROOMY CABINS

Twelve passengers are carried in four single and four double cabins on the lower deck. These cabins are roomy and comfortable and have bathrooms attached with hot and cold running water and showers. Passengers have a lounge at their disposal and, of course, unusually large deck space. They will share the dining room with the ship's officers.

The "Singapore" is a single-turbine vessel with geared turbines developing 13,000 h.p. giving her a service speed of about 18 knots. She left London on her maiden voyage to Japan, Singapore and Hongkong. A sixth ship of this class is to be built at the same yard.

London Stocks
In Doldrums

London, May 16.
Yesterday's Wall Street slump sent the London Stock Exchange into the doldrums today.
Small declines were widespread in oil, mining and industrial shares. British Government bonds shed fractions. The market was somewhat steadier at the close.
Financial Times' Daily Index: 1362.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG
SHARE
MARKET

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$140,353. Noon prices and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSBC	100	100	100
Bank of China	100	100	100
Union Bank	100	100	100
Underwriters	325		
SHIPPING			
Asiatic	1		
W. P. Wharf	400		
President	10%		
LAND, ETC.			
Shanghai	110		
UTILITIES			
Train	11 1/2%		
Star Ferry	62	100	50
C. Light (C)	3%	100	500
XD	200		
Electric	22 1/2%	400	22 1/2%
	200		
	600		
Telephone	9 1/2%		
INDUSTRIALS			
Central	10 1/2%		
Hope	12		
STONES, ETC.			
Daily	11 1/2%	12 1/2%	
Wilson	10 1/2%	300	10 1/2%
COTTONS			
Raw	250		

New Prices
For Yarns

Washington, May 16.
Manufacturers of cotton yarns and textiles were ordered by the Government today to compute new ceiling prices.

The Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) said the order is designed to restore pre-Korean margins to the textile industry, and that it is not expected to effect materially the retail prices of cotton yarn goods and such things as shirts, pajamas and dresses.

The action affects an industry averaging about \$8,000,500,000 in gross sales yearly. The industry employs about 500,000 persons in 1,200 mills.—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN
STEADY

London, May 16.
The tin market was steady this morning. Turnover was 110 tons, including 20 tons for cash.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers	1,130
Spot tin, sellers	1,130
Business done at	1,130
Three-month tin, buyers	1,110
Spot rubber, unrolled	100
Three-month tin, sellers	1,110
Business done at	1,110
Settlement	1,110

—United Press.

Pepper Market
Softer

New York, May 16.
The black pepper market remained dull and softer in tone. Dealers reported offers at \$1.63-1.64 a pound on nominal basis. Dealers indicated interest in May and June shipments at around \$1.62 a pound on an ex-dock basis. Reports that the Quartermaster had purchased 120,000 pounds of ground black pepper overnight for the Navy had little influence. Dealers reported little news from the trade convention.—United Press.

COTTON TEXTILE
MARKET

New York, May 16.
The cotton textile market was quiet with the new OPS pricing regulations for cotton goods expected soon.

In wool goods, mills were still figuring prices under the new ceiling orders. Rayon goods turned quiet.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unquoted exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Banking note (per \$1)	10.23
U.S. dollars (per \$1)	6.90
Indian rupee (per 100)	4.00
Siam baht (per 100)	7.20
Singapore (Straits)	1.70
PTC piastres (per 100)	15.40

Merchant Shipping In
Britain: Analysis Of
Construction Figures

Measured by tonnage under construction, which at the end of March was again slightly in excess of two million gross tons, the level of shipbuilding activity in United Kingdom yards remains steady.

Figures for the 12 months ended March are as follows:—Commenced, 1,468,000 tons (equivalent to 46 per cent of the world total); launched, 1,352,000 tons (39 per cent); completed, 1,319,999 tons (40 per cent); and under construction at March 31, 2,073,000 tons (40 per cent).

In the U.K. yards, 36 per cent of the tonnage building is for export, the greatest proportion (almost half) of the export tonnage being for Norway. Oil tankers represent, as they did at the end of 1950, 56 per cent of all the work under construction in the U.K.

Tonnage under construction in the world at March 31 totalled 5,097,000 tons, compared with 4,819,000 tons at the end of December, the increase being accounted for mainly by higher totals in Japan, Germany (where the post-war restrictions on shipbuilding have now been removed), France, Italy, and Norway.

According to statistics compiled by the Shipbuilding Conference, merchant shipbuilding contracts increased during the first quarter of this year. Orders for new ships totalling over 1½ million gross tons were received in that period. The order book of British shipbuilders at the end of March was five million gross tons, of which nearly two-thirds has still to be laid down. The total value of this work is estimated at £435 million. Over one-third of the order book relates to export orders. Nearly 60 per cent of the total order book is tanker tonnage, and practically the same proportion was maintained in the orders which were booked by U.K. yards in the first quarter.

Cargo liners and trampships have been ordered more freely in recent months, and together with passenger and passenger and cargo ships represent 37½ per cent of the total order book, the remaining 2½ per cent being made up by the orders for coasters, colliers, tugs, and small craft.

STEEL SUPPLIES
Possibility of a steel shortage again confronts the shipbuilding industry which has been very unfortunate in its post-war experience. At times when it has full order books, it is denied the raw materials which would enable it to produce at its most economic rate.

For the first time since the end of the Second World War, the shipbuilding, marine engineering and repairing industries were given the amount of steel they required in the last quarter of 1949. At that time the volume of new tonnage being ordered was limited; it has since increased to a marked extent and now again, to judge from the statement made in the House of Commons by Mr George Strauss, Minister of Supply, shipbuilders will be anxious whether they will be able to purchase all the steel they require to maintain present rates of output.

Mr Strauss appeared to be critical of the drawing up of stocks, but this was inevitable when imports had to be reduced, partly through shipping space not being available, due to the war in Korea and diversion of tonnage to bring U.S. coal to this country. Mr Strauss added that although we were doing our best to obtain maximum supplies of scrap from Germany, there was no prospect of attaining this year the figure of over 900,000 tons imported last year. This has been obvious ever since the removal of the limits on steel production in Western Germany and the general increase in world demand for scrap.

ONE-CLASS VESSELS
Noticeable among the trends in design of passenger ships in recent years has been the construction of tonnage for one class of travellers, broadly in the "tourist" category. This enables more passengers to be carried at the expense of more luxurious accommodation, yet maintaining a standard of comfort which compares most favourably with any pre-war liner. It has been recognised that improved standards of living, more widely distributed in most countries, have increased the possibility of ocean travel.

To many people, this type of ship offers the attraction of travelling at higher standards of living than they normally maintain, yet at a price which they can afford. At the same time, with large-scale migration from Europe to the British Commonwealth still in progress, some older vessels have been converted to carry substantial numbers of emigrants; this may also prove attractive to parties of students or others who are prepared to accept less comfortable accommodation in return for reduced fares. But in the main, the one-class ships in

service or under construction offer almost every amenity which is expected in a modern passenger ship, and as far as the ships from British yards are concerned, uphold the high standards of construction which are their hallmark.

MORE TONNAGE

Foreign owners have not been slow to appreciate the possibilities of one-class accommodation. There are under construction for the Holland-America Line two ships with accommodation for more than 800 tourist passengers, and only about 40 first-class passengers.

A vessel which belongs to the second category, providing less luxurious accommodation for parties of students, is the new liner which has been ordered by the Bergen Steamship Company from Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd. On board this ship, which will contain largely tourist-class accommodation as well as some first-class space, will be a cafeteria system of catering, an innovation which has been discussed keenly by shipping correspondents for some time past.

Plans on a considerable scale for one-class passenger ships have been circulating in the United States since the announcement by Liberty Liners, Inc., that they had submitted designs for two 105,000-ton ships to the U.S. authorities, whose reaction was reported to be favourable. Estimating that the single fare across the Atlantic on board these ships if they are half full would be in the region of £30, the president of the company said that with three-quarters of the accommodation filled, the cost might be reduced to £21. These ships would be convertible in time of war to troop transports of large capacity, which may be a convincing factor. At the present time, it is somewhat difficult to judge the real extent of the preference which exists for one-class ships since all passenger accommodation is fully booked on most routes, and there are often long waiting-lists.

If competition from German and Japanese companies, or non-conference companies, should develop, as far as economic conditions allow, these new types of passenger ship may gain ground on the North Atlantic route and encourage owners to lay down further vessels of this kind. They undoubtedly offer one of the main ways in which ocean travel may be brought within the reach of a wider section of the community, and when more normal traffic is resumed, a larger travelling public will be welcomed by the shipping companies.

TANKER FLEETS
A pointer to continued activity in shipbuilding was mentioned by Mr R. Gillespie, the managing director of the British Tanker Co., Ltd., after the launch of the British Pioneer from the Scotstoun yard of the Blythwood Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.

Expansion of the world tanker fleet from between 10,000,000 and 17,000,000 tons deadweight in 1939 to more than 32,000,000 tons at present means, in due course, that the amount of replacement tonnage will be double that of 1939. Therefore, when the present series of contracts is fulfilled, the continuance of tanker orders in the near future is almost certain. The need to maintain fleets and oil trading at present or even higher levels.

NY COTTON
MARKET
SOFTENS

New York, May 16.
Cotton prices softened today after a shaky opening, dropping back as much as \$1.25 a bale.

The break-away to the bear side after a week or more of inconsequential fluctuations was not accompanied by any great amount of activity. Dealers said the market appeared to be sagging under its own weight. Selling was light and scattered but buying interest was even smaller. The only feature was a relative steadiness in July delivery where a leading spot firm bought against sales at New Orleans when the intra-market difference widened.

July delivery at New Orleans rose to 45.38 cents or within 1 point of the ceiling prices while July positions locally dipped 34 points under the ceiling. New crop months gave ground gradually with October meeting a little covering by day traders at the close. Other months finished around the lows for the day. Some observers counted on an increase in the amount of shipper buying when new export licences were issued.

Favourable crop news was highlighted by reports of light to heavy overnight rains in the Texas sections. The export picture was brightened additionally with the news that the E.C.A. had granted cotton purchase credits of \$8,500,000 to France, and \$2,100,000 to Formosa, with delivery to be completed by June 30.

The market opened up 9 points to off 5 points. July closed 4 points higher and other months off 20 to 21 points. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	40.00
July	45.38
October	39.25
December	38.80
March (1952)	38.80
May	38.00 bid
July	37.75 bid
October	35.30 bid

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Closing rate May 16.

Spot	44.91
May	45.38
July	45.38
October	39.25
December	38.75-38.70
March (1952)	38.82 bid
May	38.71 bid
July	38.50 bid
October	35.30 bid

—United Press.

Grain Prices
In Chicago

Chicago, May 16.
Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel	2.30 1/2
Spot	2.29 1/2-2.30
May	2.30 1/2-2.31
July	2.30 1/2-2.31
September	2.30 1/2-2.31
December	2.30 1/2-2.31
Spot	1.70 1/2
May	1.70 1/2-1.71
July	1.70 1/2-1.71
September	1.70 1/2-1.71
December	1.70 1/2-1.71
Spot	2.03 1/2
May	2.03 1/2-2.04
July	2.03 1/2-2.04
September	2.03 1/2-2.04
December	2.03 1/2-2.04
Spot	55 1/2
May	55 1/2-55 3/4
July	55 1/2-55 3/4
September	55 1/2-55 3/4
December	55 1/2-55 3/4

New York flour—per 200 lb. sack, \$12.50.—United Press.

India Puts Off
Repayment

New Delhi, May 16.
The Finance Minister, Mr. Dattatraya, told Parliament today that in view of India's probable deficit during the year and the dollar position, the Government did not consider it desirable to repay dollars purchased from the International Monetary Fund at present.



SINGAPORE JAVA
PORT and MACASSAR
ARRIVALS
"TIJWANGI" In Port
"TIJWANGI" 23rd May
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"TIJWANGI" 1st June
"TASMAN" 6th June
SAILINGS
18th May
Early June

MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA and SOUTH AMERICA
ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG" 17th May
"TIJWANGI" 18th May
"TIJWANGI" 22nd May
SAILINGS
18th May
Late June
Early July

JAPAN
ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG" In Port
"TASMAN" Early June
"TIJWANGI" Early June
"VAN HEUTS" 20th May
"TIJWANGI" 24th May
"TIJWANGI" 31st May
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THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1951.



Two Helpful Booklets

Two new booklets, based on Dr. Steiner's Anthroposophy, spoken of by its founder as "A path of knowledge to guide the spiritual in the human being to the spiritual in the universe", have just appeared in Hongkong.

They are "How to help your growing child", by Ursula Grahil, and "The feeding of children", by Dr. Rose Knauer. Both these booklets are produced in an interesting and practical way. The theories, which have been proved through many years of observation and study, and the effect of food in relation to the planetary bodies on this material as it takes shape, is as fascinating as its wisdom is convincing.

The first booklet, by Ursula Grahil, illustrates the four different temperaments in children: the sanguine, the choleric, the phlegmatic and the melancholic, and then shows ways in which the tendencies of a child can be remedied. The stress throughout Rudolf Steiner's work is on the fact that one should not try to change the qualities which the individual child actually possesses, but direct them into the right channels.

Dr. Knauer's introduction to "The feeding of children" is based on the importance of understanding these four temperaments. It shows the relation between a type of food and its effect on the growth of the child and body throughout the different years up to the age of fourteen. Foods which check unusual tendencies are advised, and the advice is simple and practical. Sample menus and recipes are given at the end.

Whether or not the theories propounded are agreeable, the truths are transparent, and they make informative and interesting reading.—S.S.

Charged With Murder

A Sanitary Department cooler, Nip King-shing, 25, came before Mr. Winter at Kowloon this morning to face a charge of murder.

He was alleged to have killed a woman, Chan Chun, alias Lee Mo, at Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter yesterday.

On the application of the Police, Nip was remanded for a day.

Mr D.E. Clark Retiring After 47 Years In The Colony

PEAK TRAMWAY CO. ANNUAL MEETING

The impending retirement of Mr D. E. Clark after 47 years in the Colony was announced by Mr W. A. Stewart (Chairman) at the annual general meeting this morning of the Peak Tramway Company Ltd.

EMBEZZLER SENT TO PRISON

Pleading guilty to a charge of embezzling a sum of \$50,000 from a firm in which he was an employee, Cheung Lo-san, alias Cheung Leung, 40, was sentenced to 18 months by Mr Latimer at Central this morning.

Det. Sub-Ins. R. F. Smith, attached to CID Central, prosecuting, said that defendant was employed as a clerk to the Hui-ming Trading Company (Malaya) Ltd. The offence took place on July 23, 1948, when defendant sold 10 cases of flint-stone to the Hip Sing Tai Haberdashery Firm at No. 9 Kwong Yuen Street, East, ground floor and received on behalf of his employer \$50,000 in cash which he failed to hand over to the company.

About two days after the transaction, defendant left for Canton and nothing further about him was heard until Tuesday, May 15, when, acting on information, Insp. Smith arrested him at No. 5 Morrison Hill Road, third floor, under a warrant.

At the Police Station, defendant told the whole story. He stated the money he received was totally invested in business in Canton but he lost every cent when a business failed in 1950. He returned to Hongkong on May 11 intending to ask his employer for forgiveness.

Defendant expressed his regret in Court this morning, saying that he knew what he did was wrong but he did it because he had a large family to support. He asked for leniency.

The Magistrate, passing sentence, remarked that he had taken into consideration the circumstances concerning the case.

A dividend of \$3 (free of tax) was approved on the fully paid shares.

Mr Stewart said:—Before dealing with the business of the meeting, I would like to refer to the resignation of Mr D. E. Clark from the Board in view of his impending departure from the Colony on retirement.

Mr Clark has been associated with the Company for approximately 47 years and has been your Chairman continuously for the last 14 years. I am sure you will wish to associate yourselves with me and my colleagues on the Board in expressing thanks for the services he has rendered to the Company and best wishes for his future welfare.

The Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statements of Account for the year ended March 31, 1951, I propose, with your permission, to take as read.

The net profit for the year is \$270,250. To this has to be added the carry-forward balance of \$11,357—making a balance for appropriation of \$281,643—which the Directors recommend to be dealt with as follows:—

To transfer to Provision for Passages, Leave Pay and Retiring Gratuities, \$49,030; To transfer to Replacements Reserve, \$40,000; To provide for Taxation, \$29,048; To pay a dividend of \$3 per share (free of tax) on 25,000 fully paid up shares, \$75,000; To pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share (free of tax) on 50,000 \$5 paid up shares, \$75,000; and carry forward to next Account, \$13,563; Total, \$281,643.

The proposed appropriations are embodied in the accounts and now require your confirmation.

Comparison with the previous year's figures in the Profit & Loss Account reveals that revenue was greater by \$12,657—while charges were higher by \$11,407. The net result therefore is a very small increase in the profit.

Traffic Receipts are less than the previous year by \$4,769 but

this is more than compensated by an increase in Rentals of \$17,432. As regards expenses, little comment is necessary except to draw attention to the charge for depreciation of \$29,528 against \$16,554 for 1949/50. This increased provision is necessary on account of additions to assets.

The Balance Sheet reveals additions to Fixed Assets during the year to a value of \$108,528 representing the cost of a new car \$83,806, the new shops at the lower terminus \$44,242 and Electrical Plant \$480. It will be noted from the Balance Sheet that the appropriations recommended will bring the Leave Expenses and Retiring Gratuities and Replacement Reserves each to round figures of \$100,000. It will be necessary to continue to build up these reserves but not to the same extent as the allocations of the last two years.

The undertaking may be said to be in a satisfactory condition. The Engine Room, Stations and Track have been maintained by our own staff and improvements have been effected. The two new all metal cars have proved satisfactory in every way and, in addition to their practicability, their appearance has brought favourable comment from passengers.

TIMES CHANGING

Our property is in good shape and the return on the original investment is satisfactory. During 1950 work was commenced on the building of three small shops on Garden Road adjoining the Lower Terminus which have all been rented and are now ready for occupation. The revenue therefrom will be reflected in the current year's accounts.

At one of the annual meetings many years ago, Sir Henry Pollock remarked that it was the general belief that the Peak made the Peak Tramway whereas the Peak Tramway made the Peak. This comment was made at a time when there were no motor roads to the Peak and no motor-cars and the Company could be considered a Public Utility Company in the truest sense. Times have changed and with easy road access to the Peak we can no longer claim that distinction, as the greatest part of our traffic receipts is derived from sightseeing and holiday visitors.

As there are no other matters on which I can usefully comment, I now formally propose:—That the Directors' Report and Statements of Account for the year ended 31st March, 1951, as presented, be adopted and that the appropriations recommended by the Board and embodied in the Accounts be confirmed.

"When this has been seconded I shall endeavour to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask. Adoption of the report was seconded by Mr P. A. Waller and carried unanimously. No questions were asked.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr Horace Kadoorie and H. D. Benham were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr D. A. F. Mathers, seconded by Mr E. A. Ozerio.

Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell Ltd were reappointed auditors on the motion of Mr A. A. Andrews, seconded by Mr E. O. Wong.

Shareholders present were Messrs D. A. F. Mathers, P. A. Waller, A. Andrews, Wong Foh On and F. A. Ozerio.

In conclusion, the chairman announced that dividend warrants were now ready.

Hotel Resident Remanded

George Albert Langley, 33, giving his address as room 222 Hongkong Hotel, was further remanded for a week in goal custody by Mr Latimer at Central this morning upon the application of the prosecution.

Defendant was alleged to have obtained at the Hongkong Hotel by falsely pretending that he was able to supply a quantity of blankets on May 4. Det. Sub-Ins. J. M. Gurney is in charge of the case.

HE VISITS KOWLOON TB CLINIC



Picture shows HE Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by Dr Newton the Director of Medical Services, at the TB clinic in Kowloon this morning.—Staff Photographer.

BRITAIN SEEKS LIMITED JAP REPARATIONS

London, May 16.

Informed diplomats disclosed today Britain has proposed that Japanese pay limited war reparations to the nations which helped to beat her.

The United States, which has been financing Japan's postwar economic recovery almost single-handed, has been against the move.

Mr John Foster Dulles is coming here early next month to discuss this and other Anglo-American differences over the Japanese peace treaty.

Britain has also proposed a clause be written into the treaty which would bind Japan to renounce all territorial or political claims in the Antarctic.

American treaty makers have opposed this suggestion, too, as betraying Japan's status as an independent power. The whole spirit of the peace settlement, as America has learned it, looks to the restoration of Japan as a fully equal nation.

Japan has no hard claims for territory in Antarctica, but before World War II she reserved the right to file claims to islands now held by British Commonwealth countries.

The British proposals were put forward in Washington early this month when Britain and the United States exchanged drafts.

BRITISH PROPOSALS

Broad details of Britain's reparations proposal are: 1. Britain wants all the gold bullion held in trust for Japan by the Supreme Command, Allied Powers, (SCAP), to be divided among nations which suffered most as a result of Japanese aggression.

Exact value of the bullion has not been disclosed. SCAP has been using the gold as backing for Japanese currency.

Britain wants all Japanese assets now frozen in such neutral countries as Sweden and Switzerland to be similarly dealt with. The United States believes the value of the assets involved does not warrant its seizure as reparations.

3. Britain wants the countries which fought Japan to take over whatever Japanese assets still remain in their individual territories—with the possible exception of governmental properties like Embassy and Consul buildings. The United States, in general, is ready to go along with this.

WEIGHT ON U.S.

The United States is against doling out Japan's gold bullion because she argues she would have to bear the weight of that loss herself in the long run.

Britain has suggested that the pact should expressly forbid the formation of secret societies, Fascist movements and the like in Japan.

The United States argues that that kind of clause would make no difference if the Japanese really intended setting up such organizations.

These difficulties are considered to be capable of fairly easy settlement between Britain and the United States.

The two countries already have hammered out agreement on the main points of the treaty. On most basic issues, Britain

Governor Visits Clinic

Keen interest was shown by HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham on his visit to the TB Clinic near Kowloon Hospital this morning.

Accompanied by the Director of Medical Services, Dr the Hon. I. Newton; Dr P. Esmond, MO in charge of Kowloon Hospital, Dr A. S. Moodie, TB Specialist,

in charge of the Harcourt and Kowloon TB Clinics, and Miss H. Ho, Almoner of the TB Clinics, the Governor spent half an hour touring the X-ray and other departments and watching the daily procedure of doctors attending to visiting patients.

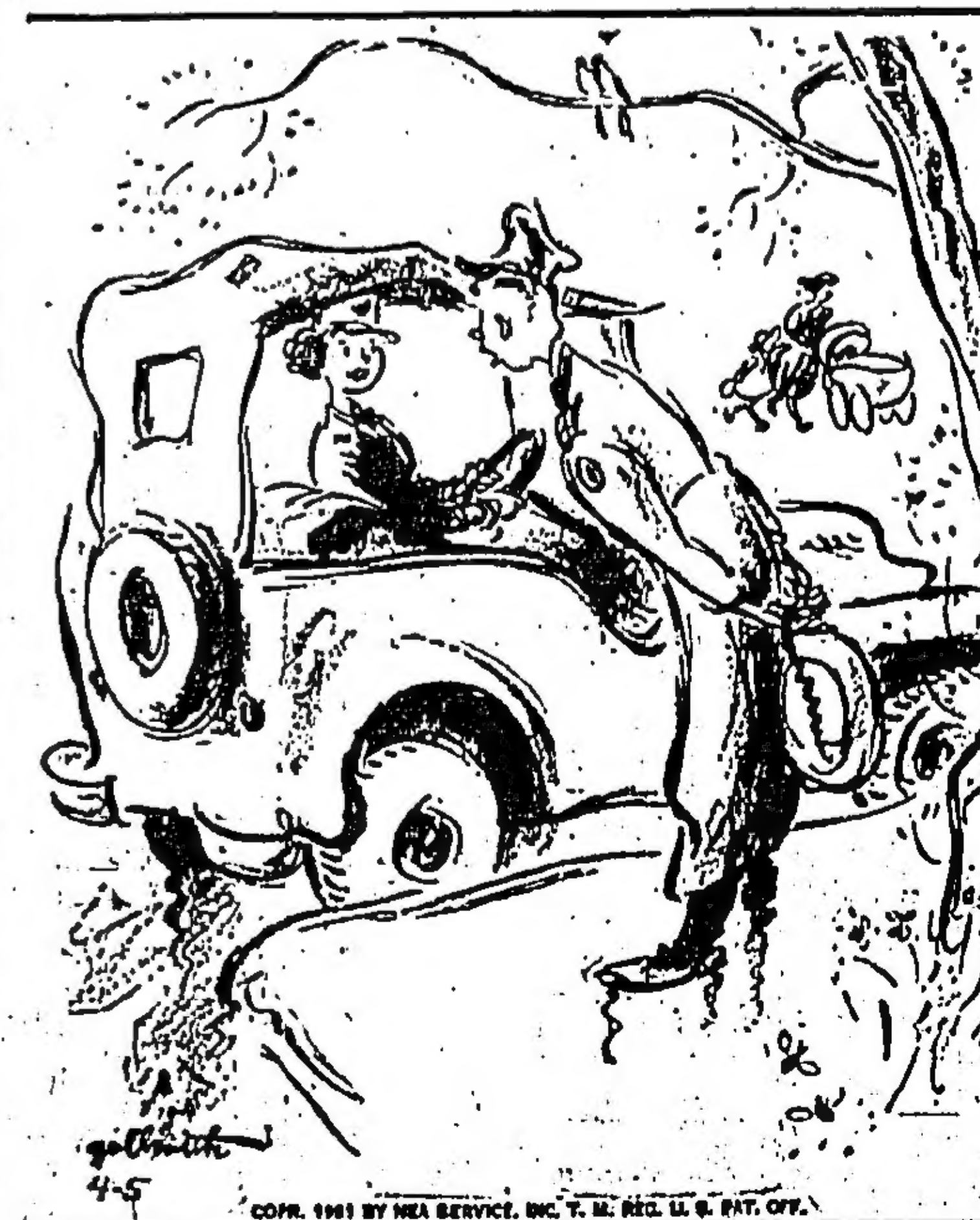
From the TB Clinic, Sir Alexander with Dr Newton and Dr Esmond moved to the grounds of Kowloon Hospital where they inspected a prospective site for a new hospital and also a new wing of the original hospital which is being built.

Greek Skipper Fined \$14,800

Panathotis Nicolaou Lyngnos, Greek master of ss St Nicolas, Costa Rican registered ship, was fined \$14,800 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for overloading his ship to the extent of 11 inches. Mr A. G. Parker, Senior Marine Officer, prosecuted.

Defendant who was not legally represented, disputed the extent of the overloading. Mr Parker called evidence from Mr J. M. Ebbs and Mr R. A. Merritt, ship surveyors of the Marine Office, who told the court that the ship was overloaded to the extent of 12 inches.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Thanks for the lift, and I hope I can phone you! Is it okay to call you 'Genevieve' instead of 'sir'?"

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